

## Message Text

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R 161256Z MAY 78  
FM USINT HAVANA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1886  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, MILI, ET, SO, CU  
SUBJECT: CUBAN VICE-MINISTER DENIES CUBAN TROOP OPERATIONS AGAINST  
ERITREANS

WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR, MAY 13, CITING ADDIS RUMORS OF LARGE-  
SCALE ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST ERITREANS, ASKED CUBAN VICE-  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS JOSE FERNANDEZ DE COSSIO WHETHER  
CUBANS ARE INVOLVED. FERNANDEZ, DECLINING TO COMMENT ON  
ETHIOPIAN OFFENSIVE, SAID THAT CUBAN TROOPS ARE NOT OPERATING  
AGAINST ERITREANS. (COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE MORE DEFINITE  
DENIAL OF CUBAN PARTICIPATION THAN STATEMENT GIVEN BY GOC  
FIRST VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS ANILLO TO USINT CHIEF  
SAME DAY. SEE HAVANA 1250).  
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